

Pleasant Grove Methodist Episcopal Church is an uncoursed two-story abandoned stone building in a very bad state of disrepair. Worship has been non-existent since 1943 when Pleasant Grove and Sandy Mount merged after 87 years of conflict over Methodist practice and doctrine. Before the conflict arose the two congregations worshipped as one at Sandy Mount Methodist.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Pleasant Grove Methodist (Episcopal) Church

AND/OR COMMON

Pleasant Grove Methodist (Episcopal) Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Old Westminster Pike

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

-x

VICINITY OF Finksburg & Westminster

4

STATE

Maryland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

COUNTY

Carroll

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES, RESTRICTED☐ YES, UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☒ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME c/o Sandy Mount United Methodist Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

2101 Old Westminster Pike

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md.

21157

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Carroll County Office Building

Liber #:

Folio #: None

STREET & NUMBER

225 North Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CARR-94

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE 1804

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This 1-story, 2-bay front, 3-bay side, uncoursed stone building, including wall and foundation, faces south/west. It sits 20-30 yards off the Old Westminster Pike; facing it and level with it. Its back wall and graveyard face north/west towards Maryland 140. Pleasant Grove sits among very large and heavy sprawling trees on its property. The surrounding land contains suburban sprawl.

The small, stone, rectangular church is in severe stages of decay. Although it is not beyond repair, years of neglect have hastened its aging. The wall corners are reinforced with large alternating stone quoins, which add support to the uncoursed stone construction. The structure is tightly closed due to the consolidation of the Pleasant Grove and Sandy Mount Congregations. The condition of the blind shutters and doors show a state of disrepair that makes it difficult to picture the building in its heyday.

Windows are 12/12 double hung sash with plain trim, wood base, wood lintel and blind shutters. They recess 2 to 3 inches. The gable roof construction appears to be covered with wood shingles and ends in a box cornice. On all sides there is a row of cyma reversa moulding and under that a row of plain moulding (under the cornice). The front gable cornice extends on the front wall to form a pointed pediment structure.

The northern most roof has an interior middle single brick chimney. The back wall is 2-bays with windows of the same construction as the rest. The surface of this wall was covered with gravelled plaster, but has since peeled.

The front facade has two identical entrances. These are recessed, double two vertical panelled wood doors, with five-light transoms. Each door is plainly trimmed with a wood lintel and a panelled interior, square arch, two small windows of the same motif as the others are located two feet above each entrance.

Square ventilation ducts or openings in the foundation facilitate air flow - there is no basement.

INTERIOR- The interior is in an awful state, with knee-deep dust, dirt and fallen architecture.

Mainly, it is evident that it is a single room that once had a north/east end chancel and an eight or ten pew deep nave. An interior stairway leads to a choir loft with risers. Plaster walls are now deteriorated. The structure is up for sale (as of 10/2/78), and is threatened with destruction.

A stone under the gable reads "Pleasant Grove Church, M.E., 1856"

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

CARR-94

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS-GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

1856

BUILDER/ARCHITECT WARD, BUSH, SHIPLEY /

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The organization of Pleasant Grove Methodist Episcopal Church grew out of Civil War controversies within Sandymount Church. The Trustees of Sandy Mount refused to permit slaves to worship with their masters. Thus, a portion of their congregation (history in CARR. -93) broke away and built Pleasant Grove, one quarter of a mile from Sandy Mount and worshipped as Methodist Episcopal.

The building was built by three fine strong stonemasons; George Ward, Dan Bush and Bill Shipley. It was completed in 1856. These masons later built the stone sanctuary at Sandy Mount. It was not until eighty-seven years later that they finally reunited by merger in 1943, abandoned the Pleasant Grove building and both congregations met as one at the Sandy Mount Church.

Pleasant Grove is not an outstanding monument to the Methodist Episcopal Church in Maryland, as earlier ones were. Instead it is important in general to the history of Methodism. As an offshoot of controversial tension, stemming from moral questions, its history combined with Sandy Mount provides a picture of the Methodist time-line.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"A Brief History of Sandy Mount Church" by Wm. R. Boyer
 --manuscript of sermon --Nov. 14, 1976

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Carroll

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Fredi Eckhardt historic site surveyor

ORGANIZATION Carroll county Committe of the Maryland Historical Trust DATE 11/14/78

STREET & NUMBER 210 East Main Street TELEPHONE 848-6494

CITY OR TOWN Westminster STATE Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

N. P. FIELD SHEET

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Westminster (E of Town limits)			
CITY OR TOWN: vic. SANDY MOUNT Church			
STATE Md	CODE	COUNTY: Carroll	CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Carroll			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Westminster	STATE Md	CODE	
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:			

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	

STATE:

COUNTY:

FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Pleasant Grove Church is a small bldg. of dressed stone with an "A" frame roof the ridge of which runs N-S.

The facade, at the S. end elevation, is two "bays" at the 1st level - both double panelled doors with transoms and directly above, at a gallery level, are two windows which are shuttered. The stone lintels (or masonry) contrast in color with the soft earthy tones of the stone which in turn is enhanced by the total aesthetic depth ~~overall~~ of the environment.

The E & W eaves are boxed and are extended to the S. end forming a pedimented gable design. Within this "pediment" is a small lunate window just below the gable ridge.

Both E & W walls possess two windows each which are shuttered (panelled).

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Humon-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <i>Riviera, J.R.</i>		
ORGANIZATION: <i>MHT</i>	DATE: <i>9/70</i>	
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

1. STATE <i>MD</i> COUNTY <i>Carr</i> TOWN STREET NO. ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY 2. NAME <i>PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH</i> DATE OR PERIOD STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <p style="text-align: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC</p> <p>a small field stone structure of 1 story height with an "A" plan roof the ridge of which runs N-S. the</p> <p>Very pleasantly situated in a grove (as befits the name) of trees the building is 2 bays at the 1st level S. front, viz: door, door 2 dbl. doors with transom and masonry (?) lintels. Directly above these 2 doors are 2 windows which are kept shuttered. with The attic gable ^{above} enclosed by extending the eave ridge to form a pedimental design - within this gable, near the roof ridge is a small lunette window. Both E & W side elevations have 2 windows each all of which are also shuttered.*</p> <p>* Solid panelled</p>	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior <i>good</i>	
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.	7. PHOTOGRAPH 9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <i>RIVERS MHT</i> <i>10/70</i> DATE OF RECORD



Pleasant Grove Meth. (Episcopal) Church

Oct. - 78

Can. - 94

corner — S/W front, N/W side

predi E.



Pleasant Grove Methodist (Episcopal) Church

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S/w elevation

predic E.